

United States Senate

June 23, 2008

Senator Robert Byrd, Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
United States Senate
S-131 Capitol
Washington, DC 20510

Senator Thad Cochran, Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
United States Senate
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Dear Chairman Byrd and Ranking Member Cochran:

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has a pecuniary interest, consistent with the requirements of Paragraph 9 of Rule XLIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, in any congressionally directed spending item that I requested from the Committee on Appropriations for fiscal year 2009.

Sincerely,


E. Benjamin Nelson
United States Senator

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